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Chief, Central Services
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Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear [Redacted]

As requested in your letter of April 10, 1953, a survey was made of the premises located at [Redacted] Virginia, by the Superintendent of the Columbia Pike Group, members of the Buildings Operation and Safety and Protection Branches accompanied by the building occupants.

The purpose of this survey was to advise you of the feasibility of making certain changes in the mechanical equipment and to check the adequacy of the present fire protection system. Reports submitted by the officials making the survey are as follows:

The building is moderate in size, of semi-fire resistant construction, one story in height and protected by a dry pipe automatic sprinkler system. A good supply of first aid fire appliances are provided and conveniently located. The water supply for fire protection is adequate, guard patrols are conducted regularly and the volunteer fire departments in the area respond on call at all times.

The heating system consists of a one-pipe system with ceiling suspended unit heaters and according to the occupants, it is quite adequate.

There are no toilet facilities within the building, but they can be installed although the cost will be somewhat high as it will be necessary to install a soil line and tie into the county sewer line.

To furnish domestic water to the premises a water line will have to be connected to the sprinkler system ahead of the existing shut-off valve and in addition the installation of a hot water heater is recommended.

The lighting is inadequate and additional light fixtures will have to be installed which may necessitate additional or a new source of supply.

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During the course of this survey the following situations were observed and recommendations for corrective action to be taken are submitted:

- A. A small one-story building material warehouse of ordinary construction is located within 5 or 6 feet of the north wall of the building. Windows and combustible roof of this adjacent structure are considered a moderate exposure hazard because windows in both structures are in approximately the same general location. The roof being lower by about 8 to 10 feet would be a direct exposure to the combustible 4 foot drop siding immediately below the roof of the facility.

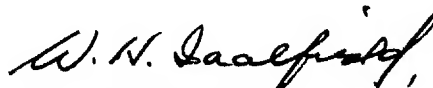
It is recommended that the three or four windows be bricked up. (North wall adjacent to small warehouse.)

It is also recommended that the wooden drop siding on the north wall which is now exposed by a one story building be protected by sheet rock (or equivalent) the entire length of the exposing structure.

Several small additions of combustible construction were observed on the southeast corner. Due to the stocks, piling, construction, etc., it was not ascertained whether there were windows provided in the exterior walls of the large warehouse building. In the event there are windows presently installed in these walls, it is recommended that when alterations are accomplished that these windows, if any, be bricked up.

We trust that the above gives you the desired information, and please do not hesitate to call on us if we can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,



W. H. Saelfield
Chief
Buildings Management Division